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NEWSPAPER COSTS SPIRAL

(From Winchester Star)

Whether newspapers can continue the five-cent price for their product much longer is doubtful, according to T. M. Hederman, Jr., publisher of the Jackson, Miss., Clarion-Ledger, the state's largest newspaper. Rising costs have brought a mandatory increase in the price of newspapers very close, Mr. Hederman declared in an address to the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York.

The modern newspaper is a complex enterprise, with fixed costs that cannot be bypassed and which are constantly increasing. Newspaper labor, for instance, is among the highest paid in the world. Newsprint now costs as much as bond paper did a decade ago.

But if the inexorable march of events make an increase in the price of newspapers unavoidable, the public will still get more for its money in the modern daily newspaper than when it makes any other purchase. A widespread increase in price among newspapers will be under way before the end of the current year. Seven cents is the price of daily editions more commonly discussed by publishers. But if costs continue to increase, that will probably be a stopgap figure, with the price standardized at 10 cents in a year or two.

SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE STILL ALIVE IN CHINA

(From Atlanta Journal)

Red China follows the inhuman practice of mass murder as a means of striking fear into the hearts of freedom-loving men who would resist the yoke of Communism. It is the brutal technique of mass extermination learned from the arch tyrants in the Kremlin. Human life is of no value in those countries which have let themselves fall under Russian domination.

From Hong Kong comes the report that 23 persons were sentenced to death before a howling mob in nearby Canton. Their public "trial" was similar to others held recently in several Chinese cities. It followed the actual execution of 198 other persons in a bloody purge of "counter revolutionaries." There are reliable reports that thousands of others have been liquidated by firing squads.

The Chinese radio is broadcasting accounts of these barbaric spectacles with the obvious hope of terrorizing any elements of the populardu suru srdu sdu saaet ontaeeal tion which might be inclined to rise up against the oppressors. No doubt the broadcasts also are made with the intention of proving to the world that the Chinese are now more completely than ever before in the iron grip of the Communist masters.

If the Communists hope to convince the free world that the Chinese people under control, their broadcasts of the executions defeat that purpose. The fresh purges indicate that the spirit of resistance in China is by no means crushed and that many counter-revolutionists still have the will to resist even in the face of death.

MARKING THE SOUTH'S 85TH MEMORIAL DAY

(From Atlanta Journal)

This Confederate Memorial Day marks the eighty-fifth anniversary of the Atlanta Ladies' Memorial Association and of the beautiful custom to which it is dedicated.

In many Southern cities and towns, during the War Between the States, there were women's and societies who cared for sick and wounded soldiers and ministered to the needs of those at the front. At the war's end one such group in Columbus, Georgia, reorganized as a memorial association and invited other cities throughout the South to join it in setting apart April 26 as a perennial day of tribute to the Confederate dead. That date was chosen, partly because it coincided with the anniversary of General Joseph E. Johnson's surrender, and also because spring blossoms for the soldiers' graves would then be in their prime.

From Atlanta came the first response to the Columbus proposal. On April 26, 1866, barely five months after the city had fallen in the flames and ashes of war, the Atlanta Ladies' Memorial Association began its long and gracious history. The spirit of its founders has been continually renewed as daughters and granddaughters have taken the place of those passed on. Their special care has been the graves of the Confederate soldiers buried in Oakland Cemetery. April after April they have wreathed those hundreds of graves with flowers and have sponsored programs of tribute to all the Confederate dead. In the last two years they have replaced all the wooden markers with markers of stone and have done much to beautify the soldiers' plot.

Many groups are contributing to this eighty-fifth observance of Memorial Day, and many have served to carry it on through the changing years. The Daughters of the Confederacy, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Children of the Confederacy and others share this labor of love. But none has been more constant to its trust than the Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association.

Should the South's historic Memorial Day, which preceded and set the pattern for such observances in other regions, be abandoned or shorn of its distinctiveness? We repeat what The Journal said when that suggestion was first made: May 30 is now dedicated to the memory of the American dead of all wars and holds a high place in our united country's calendar. Between it and Confederate Memorial Day of April 26, there is no shadow of conflict. Nor is there any need of foregoing the one in order to show our reverence and devotion to the other. Both bear witness to a valor and a virtue which are the common heritage of the land of Lincoln and the land of Lee.

PLATO ON GOVERNMENT

(From Winchester Star

Those who think the world has changed—except in a material way—throughout the centuries just don't know their ancient history.

Some 2,300 years ago there lived in Greece a famous philosopher named Plato. He is remembered today as one of the greatest of all time. He wrote on many subjects, including government. His explanation of how republics become despots is remains of timely interest.

Says Mr. Plato:

"The people always have some champion whom they set over them and nurse into greatness . . This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs. When he first appears above the ground he is a protector . . In the early days of his power he is full of smiles . . wanting to be so kind and good to everyone . . Then his is always stirring up some war or other in order that the people may require a leader. . . Has he not also another object, which is that they may be impoverished by payment of taxes, and thus compelled to devote themselves to their daily wants, and therefore less likely to conspire against him? Thus liberty, getting rid of all order and reason, passes into the harshest and bitterest form of slavery."

Play safe—drive carefully.

Appomattox Newscast on WWOD 12:30 to 12:55 each Friday.

Dial 2811 for Times-Virginian.

Seniors preparing for the graduation festivities.

### Baby Lobsters Travel For Great Distances

The life story of a lobster that leaves home as an infant is being unfolded by marine science. The Florida spiny lobster, or sea crayfish, may travel many hundreds of miles from the place it is spawned to the sea-bottom where it grows to maturity.

The discovery expands earlier scientific concepts and knowledge of crustaceans, a family that supposedly does little ocean traveling—until a member is unlucky enough to walk into a lobster pot.

Instead of staying home, tiny spiny lobsters have been found drifting in the warm, bright, blue swath of the Gulf Stream off Miami, together with hundreds of other kinds of microscopic sea life lumped under the general name "plankton." The scientists believe these lobsterlings may have come from waters around the West Indies, far to the south. If this be so, lobsterlings spawned in the Miami area probably travel far to the north before settling down.

### Erratic Sun

Why doesn't the Sun rise and set in the same direction all the year around? The axis on which the Earth rotates every day is not at right angles to the plane in which it revolves about the Sun, but tilted about 23.5 degrees. Between March and September the northern hemisphere leans towards the Sun, so we see it far north in the sky. It rises in the northeast and sets in the northwest. Around December, however, the northern hemisphere leans away from the Sun, which is then seen far to the south, so it rises in the southeast and sets in the southwest. At the equinoxes, about March 21 and Sept. 23, the Sun is directly over the Earth's equator, and neither north nor south, so it rises due east and sets directly west.

### Lonely Life

George Lush, 50, is the only white man still trapping fox for the Hudson's Bay Co. in the trackless muskeg of the northwest territory. Often Lush sees no one in the five months of the trapping season. He lives in a three room frame cabin on the Big river. For recreation, Lush reads old magazines and plays solitaire (doesn't cheat himself). He took in a radio several years ago, but the batteries went dead for lack of charging. He has a clock that doesn't work. When the photographer visited Lush, the trapper had lost track of two days. He has only one complaint about his life: "The arctic's getting too crowded. Maybe I won't stay much longer." Meanwhile, he goes about his lonely business as a trapper.

### Uranium Alchemy

There are two main centers in the United States where uranium ore is turned by modern alchemy into fissionable "heavy atoms." At Oak Ridge, Tenn., natural uranium is converted into gas and driven through porous baffles to separate U-235, the isotope used for the atomic bomb. At Hanford, Wash., huge nuclear reactors turn uranium into plutonium, an unstable element which does not occur on earth naturally.

### Source of Zinc

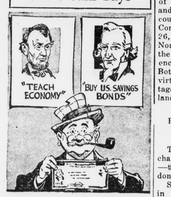
For 70 years, the richest source of zinc in the United States has been a 20-mile crescent of prairie country at the junction of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. During World War II, this region provided about a third of the zinc needed for American shell casings and other munitions. There are still about 66 million tons of zinc ore remaining in the field, the Bureau of Mines estimates, although much of it is of a low grade.

### Old Story

The jingle, "Mother, May I Go Out to Swim," is fourteen-hundred years old and comes from a jest book of the sixth century. A favorite of children in the nurseries of medieval castles, it continues to be popular among English-speaking peoples. For every man of the present time who knows the classic Beowulf there are at least five-hundred who know the jingle.

Churchill cancels proposed visit to U. S. due to critical discussions in British Parliament.

### Uncle Sam Says




**In February we observe the birthday of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. One of the many virtues he possessed was the habit of thrift. In fact, he advocated this great American habit in these words: "Teach economy. That is one of the first and highest virtues. It begins with saving money." Your government has provided one of the best methods ever devised for saving. It is simple in operation—enroll NOW for the purchase of Savings Bonds where you work, or if self-employed, the Bond-A-Month Plan at your bank.**

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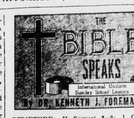


SCRIPTURE: II Samuel 5-8; 1 Chronicles 22:7-10
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 89:20-29

## What Is Greatness?

**Lesson for May 6, 1951**

WHAT is a great man? Some men have been called great who were not so; they were only prominent. Hitler, for example, was certainly prominent enough; but he was not great. Men can truly be called great for various good reasons. Some may be artists, some may be soldiers, others statesmen or prophets. Once in a while a man is born who is great in more ways than one.

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**David the Ideal King**

SUCH a man was David, King of Israel and one of the world's most famous men. The United Kingdom of Israel had a short history, only three kings reigning over it—Saul, David and Solomon. Of the three, David was by all odds the greatest man and greatest king.

**Neither Saul nor Solomon was capable of holding for a lifetime to a high ideal. Neither was capable of whole-hearted devotion to God. Neither one could gain and hold the loyalty of the nation.**

It was only David who could do these things. It is no accident that forever after, when a Hebrew thought of the ideal king, he would think neither of Israel's first king nor of the wealthiest, but of David the best and most beloved.

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**Military Genius**

DAVID was great, in part because of his power in battle. What no one since Joshua had been able to do, David did: he welded the quarreling, jealous, weak tribes of Israel into a "single sword." The times called for military genius, and David had it. He gave Israel the military might that was essential for their peace and prosperity.

**So, often since David's time, there have been great soldiers who have used their military genius not for conquest in itself but in order to win some place in the sun for peace-loving nations. One thinks of Charles Martel, who saved Europe from barbarian conquest; of William of Orange who set the Dutch free from Spanish tyranny; of Washington, "father" of a great nation; and of many others.**

The great soldiers of history have been more than professionally skilled and successful killers of men; they have been like David, men whose skill was used to preserve nations, not to destroy them.

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**Lovable Leadership**

IN OUR times Hitler brought the word "Leader" under a shadow, because his leadership was in the wrong direction. But there is such a thing as noble and wise leadership, and David had this quality in a high degree.

**It is true, success has something to do with it. Men will flock to a winner who would have nothing to do with him if he were a loser. But still it is a fact that most of the world's great leaders who have come up from obscurity, as David did, have arisen at the head of groups of devoted men who have followed them loyally through the darkest times.**

So it was with David. During his years as leader of the "underground" (literally so, since for some time his headquarters were in a great limestone cave), he developed the hard core of the army he commanded at a later time, a core of men who would rather lose with David than win against him.

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**Leader in Faith**

DAVID had yet another quality of greatness, and for this he is perhaps best remembered. He was a man of deep religion. But religion for him was not merely a personal matter; he carried his faith into public life, he made his faith contagious. He did his best to make faith in God central, as it had never been, in the life of his nation.

**Religion for him was not a stick with which to beat other people about the head, but a rod and staff to lean upon. It was not a secret locked in his own heart but something he desired to share with all his people. It was not a device to keep his subjects contented; it was an acid test for his own life.**

And though he sometimes slipped and terribly fell, he could always rise again, for his religion gave him that rarest of all qualities in great men; humility before God and man.

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### FISH SLOW TO BITE

According to I. T. Quinn, Executive Director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia's late spring this year has upset one of the oldest maxims of southern fishermen.

Everywhere in the south the saying is prevalent, "When the dogwood blooms, the bream will bite," and according to Mr. Quinn that is true in almost every instance. This year, however, the dogwood is now well into bloom and so far the finny tribe has given little or no indication of any awareness of it. This situation should change shortly though, the executive director pointed out, as soon as the water warms up and the fish become active. Old Dominion fishermen will have to be patient for a little while longer.

### LEGION CAMPAIGN

Department Commander Joseph Hodges, Jr., announced today that the Virginia American Legion will conduct a public campaign to raise $50,000 for the rebuilding of the Salvation Army's Evangeline Booth Home and Hospital for unmarried mothers.

The hospital, located in Richmond, has rendered service to virtually every section of the state over a 30-year period.

In announcing the Legion's plans [illegible] conduct the fo[illegible] paign, Commander J[illegible] "The Virginia A[illegible] realizes the urgent [illegible] expansion of this [illegible] is, many instances [illegible] door open to girls [illegible] lemma of becoming [illegible] ers."

Appomattox is a [illegible]

### ANNUAL DAIRY PLANNED [illegible]

Fitting and showing [illegible] mals, crowning of [illegible] the Milky Way," [illegible] banquet will be fea[illegible] Da 18th Dairy D[illegible]. About 40 student[illegible] to compete in the fit[illegible] ing contests.

Farmers are busy [illegible] seasonal occupations.

New period begins [illegible] of motor vehicles.

Annual Apple Fest[illegible] day at Winchester.

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## Hixburg

Hixburg, April 30.- Mrs. Joel Coleman is slowly improving at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilkerson in Crewe. Malcolm Coleman visited his mother last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sears were among the homes of his parishioners Saturday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Gilliam, of Prospect and Mrs. H. C. Wooler called at "Walnut Shade" Saturday P. M.

Miss Marguerite Gilliam and Mrs. Lester Harvey were callers in the same home Sunday P. M. Mrs. C. B. Carson, John and Bettibel, of Prospect called there Friday P. M.

Sunday Dr. T. W. Williams will preach at the Hixburg Presbyterian Church at 11 A. M. You are cordially invited to attend this service. Three new members came into the church the first Sunday in April. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxwell and son, Arthur We are happy to have them with us.

We are sorry to hear that Jim Sears, son of E. P. Sears, is in a hospital in Charlottesville. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## Evergreen

Evergreen, May 1.- Those who called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Foster, Mrs. Lucy Joy and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Joy, of Brookneal; Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette, Mrs. Chapman Harvey and daughters, of Darlington Heights; Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson, of Pamplin; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paulette, and daughter, of Lynchburg, Mrs. Ernest Calhoun and son, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Lola Calhoun, of Lynchburg.

J. R. Conner and son, Roy were at his home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples and Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. C. J. Paulette were supper guests Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton.

Mrs. R. H. Bruce and children have returned to her home at Port Royal after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hudson.

R. H. Wooldridge was given a surprise birthday party at his home Saturday night. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The Rev. Teacle Brown and wife were visiting at Alexandria Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ferguson spent the week-end in Lynchburg with their daughter, Mrs. Robert Lucado and Mr. Lucado.

Percy Sears, of Hixburg, called in the Hamilton home Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Ferguson and Mrs. Lowell Fleshman and baby were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Garrett.

Marvin Paulette and C. W. Kurtz, Miss Bungarner, of Lynchburg and the Rev. T. L. Simpson called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farrar and children called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett were visiting in Lynchburg Sunday evening.

Evergreen, May 1.- Mrs. L. L. Stewart recently visited her son, Lawrence Stewart, Jr., who is slowly recovering at the C. & O. Hospital in Clifton Forge from a broken leg received in an electric truck accident in Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples visited Mrs. Sam White and family, in Lynchburg during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin and family have moved to Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Paul Ferguson, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Juddie Glover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart last Sunday.

Juddie Glover and three daughters, Herbert Greene and Clifford Pinchum motored to Lynchburg Saturday. They attended the play, Macbeth which was given at Lynchburg College.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Donald spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, of near Vera.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents. Mrs. G. W. Glover is improving very slowly.

Mrs. W. E. Warriner has been sick for the past week with the flu. Those calling to see her recently were Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham, Mrs. H. B. Cralle and Mrs. Sam Evans.

A. B. Ferguson is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Juddie Glover and family.

J. L. Evans spent last Sunday in Catawba with his wife.

## Pamplin

Pamplin, May 1.- Miss Martha Hughes, of Durham, N. C., spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. Radie Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lucado and daughter, Wanda, of Roanoke spent the week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lucado.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ligon, of Richmond were week-end guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Mr. and Mrs. Acree Southall, of Farmville were Sunday visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. L. M. Southall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Shelton have returned from a visit to their daughter in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Waverly Franklin, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Lena Motley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDearmon, of Appomattox were Sunday visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Farrar.

Mrs. L. M. Southall, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Mrs. Chapman Harvey and daughters, Misses Ida and Terrill were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulett, of Evergreen.

Miss Ann Terry, of Glasgow spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry.

## Stonewall

Stonewall, May 1.- Let us hope that May will bring us a nice month for spring work.

We are all so sorry to hear that Robert Thornhill is sick and in the hospital, where he underwent an operation last Saturday. We hope he will soon he well and can return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas and family were called to Alberta last Sunday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. John Staples. We extend deepest sympathy to the entire Thomas family in the loss of a loved one.

Miss Nadine Burnett, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnett and children and Aubrey Lee Burnett spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson and son, Jullan, of Evergreen spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Dr. David Christian, of Appomattox was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Parks Jennings and Mr. Jennings last Friday.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons, of Richmond attended the preaching service at Hebron Church last Sunday. He was a pastor of that church some years ago and has many dear friends here. They were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Hatcher King returned home this week from Christiansburg, where she has been staying with her mother to recuperate from a spell of pneumonia. Mrs. Irby Wheeler has been keeping the children.

Miss Arlene Drinkard spent the week-end in Lynchburg with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and children spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard. They also visited her mother, Mrs. T. M. Martin on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Martin is improving after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, of Appomattox visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard on Sunday.


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